Sonbhadra and Mirzapur districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide financial assistance for development of these places from the point of view of tourism, research and religion; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There is no proposal in the Archaeological Survey of India to excavate any site in Districts Sonbhadra and Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh. However with the concurrence of Archaeological Survey of India, the University of Allahabad has been carrying out excavations at Manigara in Mirzapur district.

(b) and (c). A matching grant of Rs. 25,000/- has been given to Allahabad University for excavating the site at Manigara during season 1991-92.

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Conversion of Mysore-Bangalore Line

982. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in conversion of Mysore-Bangalore railway line;

(b) when the project was started and the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(c) the total length of this railway line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 85%.

(b) The project was started in 1979-80 and is targetted for completion during 1992-93.

(c) The length of Bangalore-Mysore section is 138 km.

Demand for Central Vedic University

983. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand for establishment of a Central Vedic University for consolidating, reviving and promoting vedic learning and study of sastras;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce the study of vedic mathematics in the syllabus of schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). A proposal has been received in January 1992 for setting up a Central Vedic University for promotion of Indological Studies. The matter is being examined in consultation with UGC.

(c) and (d). According to the information furnished by NCERT, relevant aspects of Vedic Mathematics have been included in the Teachers' Guide mathematics.

Railway Lines in North Eastern States

984. SHRI NURUL ISLAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of new railway lines constructed in the country during the Seventh Plan period with zone-wise break up;

(b) the total length of new railway lines proposed to be constructed during the Eighth Plan period with zone-wise break-up;